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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2007 (hereinafter "the Action") in connection with the above-referenced application. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.